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## Judith Davis Is Reelected Mayor Emmett Jordan Is Mayor Pro Tem

by Karl B. Hille

In an organizational meeting packed to the doors, the Greenbelt City Council reelected Judith Davis as mayor, selected their first black mayor pro tem and added two seats.

New Councilmember Emmett Jordan, who garnered 1,808 votes in the November 3 election, said the city still has a way to go in increasing voter turnout in Precinct 8 – Empirian Village, formerly known as Springhill Lake.

“This was a historic election. Expanding from five to seven seats means Greenbelters will have better representation on the city council,” he said.

Along with Silke Pope, Jordan joined all incumbents being sworn in by Davis, before Davis herself was sworn in by Peggy

Magee, clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George’s County.

“We are very, very happy that diversity has been achieved at the city council of Greenbelt,” said June White Dillard, president of the county chapter of the NAACP. “The NAACP would prefer to have individual districts that a candidate would have to come from but we are glad that the Greenbelt City Council did move forward to increase their number so that other people could come forward.”

Local NAACP and ACLU chapters had pressed for an increase in representation on the council last year, given that the city is only 36 percent white but had never elected a black councilmember. All councilmembers

must run citywide, with the highest vote-getter conventionally chosen to be mayor and the second-highest chosen mayor pro tem.

Davis called the election “super historic,” saying, “we have expanded the city council and we have diversified the city council. We have certainly brought new faces to the council.”

The expansion of the council has been a contentious issue for the city and tensions are still simmering – as evidenced by the write-in votes. Segregationists George Wallace and Lester Maddox (2 and 1 votes, respectively) joined Confederate figures Robert E. Lee and Jeff Davis in apparent protest votes, according to city records. Dillard also received a write-in vote.

## New Film Features Another Community of New Deal Era

by Sandra A. Lange

Join the Greenbelt Museum and filmmaker Ben Johnson on Tuesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center for the free screening of “Jersey Homesteads: In the Architectural Vanguard.” The 68-minute documentary film explores the origins of the New Deal community built by the federal government in central New Jersey between 1936 and 1938.

The original town consisted of 200 homes built within two square miles of Monmouth County, N.J. It was built to house Jewish garment workers from New York City who would establish a rural cooperative of farming, factory work and retail businesses. The film features extensive archival materials, present-day footage and interviews with original residents.

Jersey Homesteads, renamed Roosevelt in 1945 after the death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, explores the Bauhaus-inspired style elements developed in Germany in the 1920s, such as flat roofs, unadorned facades and horizontal orientations. These features established the community on the leading edge of residential architec-

ture for its time.

### Town Planning

Roosevelt’s 200 housing units utilized a number of innovative variations on the 12 base models. Similar to Greenbelt, the community incorporates the late 19th century British town planning concept of the Garden City, characterized by superblocks of housing with integrated green spaces, all surrounded by a greenbelt. Roosevelt is the only town in New Jersey to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The initial inspiration for this particular town came from Benjamin Brown, a Ukrainian-Jewish immigrant interested in developing rural communities in New Jersey. The principal architect and planner of Jersey Homesteads was Alfred Kastner, assisted by Louis I. Kahn

who later gained international acclaim for his distinctive architectural designs.

The film is the first of any type produced by Ben Johnson. After a career in market research, Johnson retired three years ago at the age of 62 to pursue his interests in art and architecture. Seven years ago he moved to Roosevelt. His curiosity about the unusual flat-roofed style of the houses evolved into an engrossing research project, resulting in this documentary video. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Roosevelt Arts Project.

For more information call 301-507-6582, email [museum@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:museum@greenbeltnmd.gov) or visit the Greenbelt Museum website at [www.greenbeltmuseum.org](http://www.greenbeltmuseum.org).



The Jersey Homesteads, built in the late 30s, reflects the Bauhaus-inspired style with flat roofs, unadorned facades and horizontal orientations.

## American Education Week November 15 to 21, 2009

*In a celebration of American education, these columns will be telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.*

*This week readers will get a glimpse inside Magnolia Elementary School.*

*This series has been developed and coordinated by David Lange, who is the coordinator of volunteers at Greenbelt Elementary School.*

## Quality Public Education Is Focus of Association

by Mary Moien

American Education Week, held each year in November, occurs this year from November 15 through 21. Sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA), American Education Week highlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

The annual tagline, “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility,” reflects the NEA’s call to America to provide students with quality public schools so they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century.

More than teachers and students are highlighted. The NEA encourages schools also to focus on parents, support professionals and substitute educators.

### History

Almost 90 years ago, the NEA was a creator and one of the original sponsors of American Education Week. Distressed that 25 percent of the country’s World War I draftees were illiterate and nine percent physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

Subsequently the conventions of both organizations

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## Donica Sutton Discovers She Loves Kindergarten

by Shannon Hoffman

Mrs. Sutton stands at the door of her classroom as her kindergarteners file in and tell her “good morning.” Some greet their teacher with a hug. She feels the forehead of a student who’s back after being out sick.

Donica Sutton watches quietly from the center of the desks as her students hang their jackets and take their seats. A couple students hand out notebooks to their classmates. One boy hands a picture to Sutton, and says he colored it with his “big crayons.”



Donica Sutton

Among kindergarteners is a place Sutton didn’t expect to be two years ago. After teaching third grade for six years at Magnolia Elementary School, a position she said she loved and could do with her eyes closed, she was asked at the start of the 2008-09 school year to fill a need in a kinder-

garten classroom. She was not thrilled with the request from Principal Phyllis Gillens.

“I said, ‘Are you trying to kill

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## What Goes On

**Saturday, November 14**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

**Monday, November 16**

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, November 18**

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession, Community Center

**Thursday, November 19**

**7:30 p.m.**, GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

**Friday, November 20**

**12:30 to 6 p.m.**, Blood Drive, Community Center



The Door Is Always Open

A year ago we editorialized that there were those in Greenbelt who had a strong interest in the community and through their active volunteer efforts in numerous community groups made the city the wonderful place it is. We said that anyone could be a part of that group – all they had to do was get involved with the community. The door was open.

Last week’s election proved our point.

About 10 or so years ago, two newcomers joined our community. One was a German immigrant woman married to a U.S. citizen who moved to the Springhill Lake apartments. The other was an African-American who rented a condo in Greenbriar. Both liked our community and decided to become active in it. Eventually both switched from being renters to becoming homeowners.

She became an organizing force in her community interested in improving public safety, eventually becoming a member and then chair of the city’s Public Safety Advisory Committee. In 2006 she became a U.S. citizen.

He became active in his homeowners’ association and became a member of its board of directors. He also has volunteered to serve with the city and became a member of the city’s Advisory Planning Board.

Both also became active in the community in other ways.

Newly-elected Greenbelt City Councilmembers Silke Pope and Emmett Jordan found the door open and joined many other Greenbelters who strive through their volunteer efforts to make Greenbelt a better place in which to live. On November 3 Greenbelters honored them for their past endeavors for the city by electing them to the city council. We congratulate them on their achievement and wish them well in their service on the city council.

We also congratulate Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens, Konrad Herling and Leta Mach on their successful reelection campaigns. Like Pope and Jordan, each of them joined other community activists at some time, made extensive contributions to the community as volunteers and were then elected by Greenbelt voters to be members of the city council. All have now been elected at least four times and Putens, 15 times, indicating that Greenbelt citizens continue to value their service to the city.

We look forward to a productive and fruitful two-year effort by the new council to continue to make Greenbelt a better place in which to live. While we may not always agree with every decision the council will make, and may say so from time to time, we will do so knowing that each and every member will be making his or her best effort to do what is best for the city.

While unsuccessful in their efforts to be elected to the council, we thank Kelly Ivy and Che Sayles for their endeavors to better the community and for offering voters a choice in the election. We look forward to their continued support of the community.

We urge those citizens not currently involved to walk through the open doors and help make Greenbelt great. There always is a need for more volunteers.

Letters

Greenbelt Civility

With a strong voice Greenbelters have voted for civility and character. They have proven that they are – and always have been – in general an extremely fair and accepting people and proven the absolute untruth of any statements to the contrary.

During the course of this recent campaign, Greenbelt residents have been subjected to tactics that have never been seen here before, including robo-calls and leaflets stuck on car windshields.

I’m sure that many of my fellow Greenbelters will join me in hoping that such behavior will never rear its head in our city council elections again.

To the candidates whom the

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Corrections

In last week’s article on the election results by James Giese the figure for percentage increase of registered voters voting in this election compared to 2007 was incorrect because the absentee ballots count was not included in the 2007 total of votes cast used for calculations. In actuality the increase in the number of persons voting in this election over the number in the last election was 26 percent.

Our proofreading lapsed announcing a prayer retreat to be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church this coming Saturday, misstating the day of the week for the November 14 event. The program is this Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information call Angie Evans at 301-345-7874. The News Review regrets the error.

Grin Belt



"No such thing as a free lunch but there are goodies from the Farmers Market."

On Screen

“Meatballs” for Weekend

While “A Serious Man” continues at Old Greenbelt Theatre, “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” will be shown this Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m.

Based on a children’s book, the animated film takes on scientist Flint Lockwood’s efforts to solve world hunger – even as food rains down from the sky. It was written and directed by Phil Lord and Chris Miller and features the voices of Bill Hader, Anna Faris, James Caan, Andy Samberg, Bruce Campbell, Tracy Morgan and Mr. T.

Rated PG, for brief mild language. Running time is 90 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE  
WEEK OF NOV. 13  
Serious Man (R)  
Special Showing of  
Cloudy with a  
Chance of Meatballs  
(PG)

Friday  
Serious Man  
\*5, 7:30, 9:35

Saturday  
Cloudy with a Chance  
of Meatballs  
\*1, \*3  
Serious Man  
\*5, 7:30, 9:35

Sunday  
Cloudy with a Chance  
of Meatballs  
\*1, \*3  
Serious Man  
\*5, 7:30

Monday – Thursday  
Serious Man (R)  
\*5:15, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
www.pandgtheatres.com



NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

GHI will supply up to 20 free paper leaf bags to each member-unit this fall.  
Bags can be picked up at the Warehouse Building during work hours.  
Bags can also be picked up from Parkway Garage #21 - this Saturday, November 14th from 9am to 1pm.



Greenbelt Homes, Inc.  
Fall Gutter Cleaning  
(All Buildings)

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS  
Uncle Skeeter’s Roofs & Gutters is scheduled to clean and inspect your gutters starting November 30, 2009 weather permitting.

At that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

Please contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext.141 if you have any questions or comments.



# Community Events

**At the Library**  
**Storytimes**  
A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, November 17, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.

Wednesday, November 18, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, November 19, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

**Adult Book Discussion**  
Tuesday, November 17, 7 p.m., the book will be Civil War Maryland by Richard P. Cox.

**GHI Notes**  
Friday November 13, offices closed. Emergency maintenance available. Call 301-474-6011.

Monday, November 16, 7 p.m., Communication Committee – GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, November 18, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – GHI Lunch Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room.

Thursday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room.

Saturday, November 21, 4 to 6 p.m., Winterization Seminar – Community Center Multi-purpose Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

**ACE Science Club Meets on Nov. 19**  
The Greenbelt Children's ACE Science Club will meet on Thursday, November 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. It is free fun for all Greenbelt children age 8 to 14.

The ACE Science Club and the ACE Reading Club are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and administered by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Come enjoy science experiments, explorations, magic tricks and more.

The club will also meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (except December, with a meeting date of December 17).

**Co-op Healthy Holiday Program on Nov. 18**  
The Co-op Shop Health Series continues next Wednesday, November 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. with a presentation on Healthy Holidays.

Many people find it difficult to eat well during the holidays. Ellen Siegel and Kim Rush Lynch will explore ways to eat mindfully during this celebratory season so that food does not have to be a struggle or a source of guilt. They will also discuss how to bring sweet flavors into holiday menus without sugar and the energy crashes that can go along with those sweet flavors.

The presentation is free and open to all. Meet in the produce department.

The next event will focus on "Wintry & Savory Foods" and will be held on December 16.

**New Reel & Meal Film Looks at Susquehanna**

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal will show the film "Looking to the River" at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 16 at the New Deal Café. This event is one in a series of monthly films that explore vital environmental and social justice issues and are sponsored by a consortium of eight Greenbelt community organizations. An optional vegan meal is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge to see the film.

"Looking to the River" is a one-hour documentary film that examines critical contemporary issues pertaining to the Susquehanna River Middle Basin economic development, environmental protection and cultural preservation through their connection to the history and heritage of the river and its 27,000 square-mile watershed. The Susquehanna River drains the largest basin that feeds the Chesapeake Bay.

The folklore of the river is recalled by residents who trace their ancestry to the river rats and religious reformers who came to the Susquehanna seeking fortune and faith or those who simply participate in community events along the Susquehanna.

An assembly of expert commentators contributed to the film including geologists, biologists, geographers and archeologists. Historians from major universities and representatives from key river and bay organizations in Pennsylvania and Maryland also contributed their expertise. A discussion following the film will be led by Greg Matkosky, the writer, director and producer.

For more information email Bob Cahalan at bob@cheers.org.

**Open Microphone For Kids Sunday**  
There will be a Kids' Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, November 15 from 1 to 3 p.m.  
Children age 17 and under are invited to perform for up to five minutes, playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reciting a poem, etc.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdrn@yahoo.com.

**Scouting for Food Is This Saturday**

Again this year the Boy Scouts will be "Scouting for Food" in Greenbelt and have distributed plastic bags soliciting non-perishable packaged food in non-glass containers. Donors are asked to put canned or plastic containers of food outside their front doors by 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 14.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will pick up the bags to deliver to an area food bank. The annual "Good Turn" campaign is a joint program of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Capital Area Food Bank, WUSA Channel 9 and Safeway.

The Scouts ask that if the food donations are missed, people take them to a nearby food pantry or place of worship.

**Harrison's Jug Band At Farmers Market**

Sunday, November 15 Slim Harrison's Jug Band will give free performances every hour from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Farmers Market in the Roosevelt Center parking lot.

Veteran entertainer Harrison performs for the whole family. Kids can join in his jug band, dance and sing-along while Slim provides accompaniment on a variety of instruments including a one-of-a-kind "kazooafone."

The Greenbelt Farmers Market offers a wide selection of fresh vegetables, fruits, cider, eggs, goat cheeses, seafood, humanely raised meats, bread, ice cream and other mouth-watering foods from more than a dozen local vendors.

For more information on Slim Harrison visit [www.sunnylandmusic.com](http://www.sunnylandmusic.com). For details on the Farmers Market visit [www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org) or email [info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org).

**Rec Center Holds Talent Show Nov. 21**

Everyone six years old or older is invited to participate in the first annual Springhill Lake Talent Show on Saturday, November 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center gym. This event is free but pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register call 301-357-2212.

**Solar Eclipses Topic Of Astronomy Talk**

On Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) featuring a talk by long-time ASG member Sue Bassett, who will describe her experiences in observing solar eclipses.

Bassett visited China in July this year to observe an eclipse with an exceptionally long period of totality. The path of the Moon's umbral shadow began in India and crossed through Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, and China before leaving mainland Asia. The maximum duration of totality reached 6 minutes, 39 seconds. Bassett is well-known within ASG for her knowledge of solar eclipses. She has organized several tours to enable others to observe eclipses and looks forward to sharing her experiences.

The meeting will be held at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. There is no cost for admission and all are welcome.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON  
ON SATURDAY \$5.00  
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

### Week of NOV. 13

FRI. – SAT.  
A Christmas Carol, PG (!!)  
11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:10, 10:25  
Paranormal Activity, R  
11:30, 1:45, 4, 6:15, 8:25, 10:35  
Men Stare at Goats, R (!!)  
11:30, 1:45, 4, 6:15, 8:25, 10:35  
2012, PG-13 (!)  
11:15, 11:40, 2:40, 5:40, 6, 6:35, 9:30, 10:05  
Michael Jackson's "This Is It", PG  
11:40, 2:10, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20  
The Box, PG-13 (!!)  
11:30, 2:10, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20  
Fourth Kind, PG-13 (!!)  
11:40, 2, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20

SUN.  
A Christmas Carol, PG (!!)  
11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:10  
Paranormal Activity, R  
11:30, 1:45, 4, 6:15, 8:25  
Men Stare at Goats, R (!!)  
11:30, 1:45, 4, 6:15, 8:25  
2012, PG-13 (!)  
11:30, 12:15, 3, 3:40, 6:30, 7  
Michael Jackson's "This Is It", PG  
11:40, 2:10, 5:05, 7:40  
The Box, PG-13 (!!)  
11:30, 2:10, 5:05, 7:40  
Fourth Kind, PG-13 (!!)  
11:40, 2, 5:05, 7:40

MON. – THUR.  
A Christmas Carol, PG  
12:35, 3, 5:35, 8  
Paranormal Activity, R  
12:35, 3, 5:20, 8  
Men Stare at Goats, R  
12:15, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50  
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**Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Meeting**

Friday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room,  
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt

For information please call 301.386.0762  
or visit <http://roosevelt.pgdemocrats.com>

Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND AUCTION**  
**GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
NOV. 14, 2009  
HILLSIDE AND CRESCENT ROADS  
IN GREENBELT, MD  
BAKE SALE! BAZAAR  
9 am – 1:30 pm  
Handmade Items, Foods, Seasonal Decorations, Gifts,  
Raffle Baskets Exotic SERRV Items  
LIVE AUCTION! BIDDING STARTS AT 1:30 PM  
\*GIFTS \*SERVICES \*BASKETS  
For Information Call: 301-474-6171

Greenbelt Arts Center  
CONTINUING THIS WEEK:  
**Little Shop of Horrors**  
November 13 – 28: Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00PM  
Sunday Matinees: November 15 & 22 at 2:00PM  
Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman,  
Music by Alan Menken  
Directed by Jeffery Lesniak, Choreographed  
by Denise A. Levien, produced by Norma R. Ozur  
Musicals are \$18 general admission,  
and \$15 for seniors and students.  
Call for reservations at 301.441.8770  
123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 • <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>  
Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

More Community Events  
see pages 2, 4, 8, 10,  
11 and 12.

**Holy Cross Thrift Store**  
Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.  
Good, clean clothes for women,  
men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.  
6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



# Obituaries

## Ray Stevens

The bell tolled for long-time Greenbelt resident Raymond L. Stevens, 92, on October 29, 2009. Born on July 14, 1917, and raised in Connecticut, Mr. Stevens came to Greenbelt in 1942 to work for the Navy Department and lived here for 40 years.

He lived on Eastway, with his wife, Betsy, where they raised their children, Jeffery and Maria. They later moved to Boxwood Village. While in Boxwood, Mr. Stevens' wife died of a heart attack.



It was not long thereafter when Mr. Stevens met Nell to whom he was married for the remainder of his life. They celebrated their 28th anniversary this year. Together he and Nell moved to Venice, Fla., in 1982. During those Florida years, he enjoyed the symphony, the opera and travel both domestic and foreign. He and Nell especially enjoyed their many trips to Switzerland.

Mr. Stevens' son Jeffery died of cancer about two years ago. Mr. Stevens is survived by his wife, daughter, nephew, many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is remembered as a soft-spoken, cultured man who cared deeply about his family and friends, was a good provider and a solid citizen of his town and country.

A memorial service is to be held on November 13, 2009, at Harbor Isles, North Port, Fla. Many family and friends will attend to celebrate the life of a thoughtful and intellectual man.

## Ernest Varda

Ernest Varda died on Monday, November 9, 2009. He was originally from Mishawaka, Ind. He joined the US Air Force after high school. When he was stationed at Fort Meade, he discovered Greenbelt to be a perfect place to raise his family.

Mr. Varda was honorably discharged from the US Air Force and began a career with the National Security Agency at Ft Meade. He retired in 1992.



Mr. Varda was an active member of the Greenbelt community for over 40 years. He participated in PRAB, the Greenbelt Lions Club, Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Greenbelt Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Little League, Greenbelt American Legion, St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus and the GIVES Program of Greenbelt.

Mr. Varda was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Varda. He is survived by three children – Rosanne Cooksey (Hugh) of Upper Marlboro; Cynthia McCloskey (Joseph) of Richmond, Va.; Gregory Varda (Tracy) of Columbia, Md.; six grandchildren – Walter McCloskey, Celeste May, Sean McCloskey, Joseph McCloskey, Jr., Nicholas Varda and Gracie Varda; and four great-grandchildren – Bryan Kellaheer, Ryan May, William McCloskey and Joshua May. He is also survived by many loving brothers and sisters.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, November 13 at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. A reception will follow at the Greenbelt American Legion. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Fisher House Foundation, 111 Rockville Pike, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20850 ([www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)).

## Kliman Art Show

A memorial exhibit of the artwork of the late Ted Kliman will take place on Saturday, November 21, 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ratner Museum in Bethesda. Included in the exhibition will be works spanning 30 years; some never having been shown before. Persons interested in attending may contact Itsy Kliman at [itsykliman@mindspring.com](mailto:itsykliman@mindspring.com).

## Food & Fitness Expo In Landover Saturday

On Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the county Health Department, Parks and Recreation, the public school system and the American Diabetes Association will hold the 5th Annual Holiday Food and Fitness Expo (previously called the Diabetes Expo) at the Sports and Learning Complex at 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover. The free event includes free health screenings, a walk-in H1N1 and seasonal flu shot clinic, free consultations with medical providers, cooking demonstrations, gift and craft vendors, as well as health and fitness sessions.

This year the Expo will introduce "Kids' Corner" with interactive fun and information specifically tailored to children.

Shuttle transportation will be provided for participants from Lot D at Fed Ex Field.

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## NAMI Features Education Program

The November workshop of the Prince George's County Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will be held on Thursday, November 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton. The title of this workshop is "The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program." The speaker will be Bette Stewart, a consultant and trainer at the Maryland School of Medicine and state coordinator of NAMI's Family-to-Family Education Program.

Stewart will give a detailed overview of the 12-week education program and respond to questions. Teachers will also be able to share their experiences working with families.

## Audubon Mid-Week Fall Bird Walks

Join in free guided bird walks around Lake Artemesia to look for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other bird flyovers on the paved Luther Goldman Birding Trail starting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 19. It is also regularly held the first and third Thursdays of every month through March. This walk, for beginners and experts around the 38-acre lake and by Indian Creek, is sponsored by the Prince George's Audubon Society.

Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. Binoculars are suggested and no reservations are needed.

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**Sunday, November 15, 10 a.m.**

"Is Yours a Shining or Complacent Heart?" by the ADORE (A Dialogue on Race and Ethnicity) Leadership Team from the UU Congregation of Columbia, Md., with Marilyn Pearl, worship associate, and the PBUUC Choir.  
A reflection of the history of racial progress and setbacks in the UU.

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voters chose to represent them, I offer my congratulations. All the incumbents as well as Kelly Ivy, Emmett Jordan and Silke Pope carried out campaigns that honored the values that Greenbelters have come to expect in their candidates. I thank them for that.

Bill Cornett

In Appreciation

The family of the late Gerald W. Potts, Jr. wishes to express sincere appreciation for those many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, food, flowers and visits to the funeral home. We would also like to thank Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home and the City of Greenbelt Police Department.

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy when it was greatly needed.

Kim Potts for the Potts Family

THANKS!

I would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in this year's election. Your support of the democratic process is the hallmark of a great society. I would also like to give a special thank you to everyone who cast their vote in support of me and my candidacy. Your support will always remain dear to me and I look forward to working with you and others in the future.

I want to congratulate all of the candidates on their personal conduct during a campaign that focused on issues that matter to the citizens of Greenbelt. I pledge my support to the new council and will work as a private citizen to achieve the goals that we share for the city.

November 3 has come and gone, but the possibilities and opportunities to help people and do good will always remain. See you around town.

Che Sayles

THANKS!

Greenbelt is Great and so are its citizens. I would like to take this time to recognize and thank everyone who voted in the election. The campaign saw an increase in participation and interest in the city and its government. Personally, I appreciated meeting and talking with many citizens and hearing your thoughts and concerns. Thank you to everyone who supported me in my re-election to city council. I promise to work hard, listen attentively and always consider and act in the best interests of the city. The spirit of Greenbelt is great and together we can make it better.

Leta Mach

THANKS!

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all who voted for me in the council election last Tuesday. My gratitude also goes to those who contributed generously to my campaign and worked on my behalf. I pledge to continue doing my very best to serve the citizens of Greenbelt and to work with my colleagues in meeting the challenges our city will face in the next two years.

I remain, as always, "Committed to Community."

J Davis



THANKS!

Sunday's kids clothing and such swap at Greenbelt Farmers Market was an amazing success. Many folks dropped off their goodies at 10 a.m. and by noon most of the treasures had been found by other parents and children. Not only was it great to see such an outpouring of contributions, it was also fun to meet so many wonderful new people.

On behalf of the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas, many thanks to the News Review for announcing the event, Greenbelt Farmers Market for giving us space, parents Dan, Holly, Alison and Linda who helped the event run smoothly (apologies if I left anyone out) and everyone who participated in the event.

Indeed Greenbelt is Great! Let's do this again next year.

Li'l Dan Celdran

NY Ave. Construction To Affect Commuters

Five construction projects will affect New York Avenue traffic from this fall through summer 2011, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has announced, starting with nighttime lane closures in December.

The Brentwood Road, 9th, W Street and Edgewood Road closures are set for 7 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. from December 1 through 5, with two lanes remaining open in each direction. The start of safety improvement work at Florida and New York Avenues in late November will go into spring 2010 and is expected to affect traffic. The heaviest impact is expected when work starts in the spring (through spring 2011) on the CSX Railroad project, narrowing six lanes to four for about a year, affecting large numbers of daily commuters.

More information about the projects is available online at [www.FixingNewYorkAve.com](http://www.FixingNewYorkAve.com).

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 1 Woodland Way
- Proposed Gardenside 3-Season Porch, 6P Plateau
- Member Request for Exception: Subleasing Provisions
- Member Request for Exception: Neighbor Approval for Addition
- Proposed 2010 Operating Budget – 2nd Reading
- Skylights in Additions: Next Step
- Strategic Plan Review: KRA #1 Member Services
- Ad Hoc Yard Line Certification Program: Extending Deadline

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)



City Information

Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

November 18, 2009

7:30 PM

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103

AGENDA: I. Call to Order, II. Approval of Agenda, III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2009 IV. Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, V. Adjourn

This agenda is subject to change. For confirmation that the meeting is being held and/or for questions regarding scheduled items please call 301-345-5417.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, November 14

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center.

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. Applications are available on the City website, [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov), or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants for this committee in late November.

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE

FALL 2009-2010

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from November 2, 2009 until January 15, 2010. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.

SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS-FULL

SCHEDULE AT [WWW.GREENBELTMMD.GOV](http://WWW.GREENBELTMMD.GOV)

Nov. 16 -20 Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, and Windsor Green

Nov. 23 – 27 Lakewood (Nov. 26-27 Holiday)

Nov. 30–Dec.-4 Lakeside, Greenspring I & II

December 7 – 11 Boxwood

For city information, visit [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov). Fill out the Community Survey and let us know how we are doing. Also, become a fan of the City of Greenbelt on Facebook!

ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Lizzie, Manny, Chico and Violet on their adoptions!

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Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on: Youth Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board

For more info call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be hosting swim team practice on Mondays from 4:55pm – 5:55pm starting November 16 and continuing through February 22, 2010. During this time there will only be 3 lanes available for lap swimming. This schedule subject to change due to school closings.

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center will be hosting a Prince George's County High School Swim Meet on December 5th. The Pool and Hot Tub will close at 5:00pm. The fitness wing will remain open until 10:00pm.

BLOOD DRIVE

"Donate Blood and Save a Life"

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:30-6:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

If you would like to make an appointment, contact Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.



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me now or later?” Sutton said.

And now, after getting used to hearing “I miss my mommy” and “I wet myself,” Sutton has fallen in love again. She’s become fascinated by the educational, social and emotional growth in the younger age group and by the aha moments among her students that often require impromptu creativity to drive home a lesson.

“At this age, their little brains are like sponges. They soak up every little thing,” Sutton said, but added that it doesn’t always click right away. “I’ve learned to be creative on the spot.”

Poncho

Sometimes this means bringing in her dog, a spoiled Pomeranian from the shelter, named Poncho, when her students are performing well in the classroom. It’s a tactic Sutton said works very well.

It wasn’t just a newfound love of the kindergarten age group that convinced Sutton to stay. It was a desire to learn from her first stab at it. “This year, I want to get it right,” she said.

Despite Sutton’s initial hesitation, Gillens was confident she would do well. “She’s a master teacher, in my opinion,” she said.

“Because of her personality, I

knew she’d do well at any grade level,” Gillens said.

If teaching kindergarteners was something Sutton didn’t expect two years ago, it is a far cry from what she had in mind when starting her undergraduate degree in speech pathology at Knoxville College in Tennessee. Her mother was a retired educator, her uncle was a retired professor and his wife was also an educator. Sutton had no plans to follow the family trend.

As a junior, she began a practicum working with kids at a school and she changed her mind.

Her first teaching job as a second grade teacher was at Cooper Lane Academy in Landover Hills. By the time she left in 1999, she was teaching third graders.

For about two years Sutton worked at Doswell E. Brooks Elementary School in Capitol Heights, where she analyzed the accountability of every employee there, from the principal to the custodian. She addressed the gaps and assisted in improvements but her recommendations weren’t

always well received by the seasoned teachers.

It’s an experience Sutton still draws upon as a teacher at Magnolia. “. . . it gives you a different perspective of the way a school is run,” she said. She’s interested in getting a certificate in administration from the University of Maryland and becoming an assistant principal somewhere in Prince George’s County.

**In the Classroom**

For now though, she’s happy in the classroom, where she gets to hold Friday dance parties with kid-friendly music and classmate story time.

But it’s not all fun and games, she said.

Sutton has set the bar high for her students but is challenged by parents who don’t do the same. “Parents are realizing their child is expected to know more . . . . Parents are realizing ‘My child is growing up and I have to expect more responsibility.’”

Aside from adjusting to the younger age group, and the parents who are also adjusting, Sut-

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ton is frustrated by a county curriculum plan that she said is becoming more rigid. She said each year she feels more pressured to keep to a schedule, regardless of how well the classroom is keeping up.

“I don’t like teaching just for exposure. I like teaching for mastery,” she said, and fears the expedited plan will frustrate students and turn them off early from learning.

Sutton’s apparently overcoming some of the challenges before her. One of her students, who missed several days last year because she didn’t like school, has been missing far fewer days this year.

Her mother told Sutton what her daughter says when she wakes up: “I got to go to school this morning, Mommy. Miss Sutton is making me learn.”

adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921 the NEA called for the designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for “An educational week . . . observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs.”

American Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to Thanksgiving week. The News Review will be highlighting a number of Greenbelt teachers in this issue and in several issues to come.

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# Police Blotter

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### Robberies

November 3, 7:40 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A person was approached by two men who displayed a handgun and demanded money. They took the person's wallet and fled on foot. The only description was that of two males wearing all dark clothing.

November 3, 11:04 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Three men approached and assaulted a person, demanding property before they fled on foot. They are described as three males with one wearing an orange coat.

November 4, 1:32 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A male approached a person, displayed a handgun and demanded money. After taking it he fled on foot. He is described as a black male, 35 years old or older, wearing an olive-colored coat and cap.

### Burglary

November 2, 4:08 p.m., 6900 block Lady Anne Court. A cat's feeding bowl was taken.

### Concealed Weapon

November 1, 4:59 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A resident juvenile was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services after being petitioned for possession of a concealed dangerous weapon.

### DUI/DWI

October 30, 10:49 p.m., Springhill Drive at Springhill Terrace. A 34-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with mul-

tiple alcohol violations after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

November 3, 2:29 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Route 295. A 58-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with alcohol violations and driving without a license following a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Vandalism

November 2, 1:34 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Window screens were damaged.

November 3, 5:10 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A resident juvenile was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services after being petitioned for malicious destruction of property after throwing rocks at a building.

November 4, 8:15 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road at Springhill Terrace. A rock was thrown through a window.

### Vehicle Crimes

There were two thefts from automobiles, in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (laptop and camcorder) and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (Maryland license plate). An attempted theft from auto was reported in the 9100 block Edmonston Court.

One case of vandalism occurred at Market Lane at Springhill Lane, where a rock was thrown through a car window.

Two stolen automobiles were recovered with no arrests made.

## A Review

# GAC's "Little Shop" Full of Laughs

by Carol Griffith

Life was hard on Skid Row in the 1960s. Businesses failed, derelicts littered the streetcorners and children dropped out of school in the fifth grade. How was a flower shop to survive there? Such is the setting for the musical "Little Shop of Horrors," now playing at Greenbelt Arts Center.

Mr. Mushnik (played by the very talented Stephen Yednock) is the owner of the struggling flower shop. His employees include the sweet and beautiful Audrey (Laura Kavinski, who possesses a wonderful soprano voice) and the hapless orphan Seymour (performed perfectly by Zachary Brewster-Geisz). Seymour, who is given a mysterious plant, suggests to Mushnik that placing it in the window of the shop may attract customers. He names the plant Audrey II, out of his secret love for Audrey. Despite Mushnik's doubts, the plan works and Seymour and Audrey II become famous.

Problems ensue

when Seymour discovers that the plant can talk – it has a potty-mouth and a real attitude problem. Worse yet, it only eats humans and drinks blood. This discovery gives Seymour an idea of how to handle his competition for Audrey's love, the obnoxious, pompadour-wearing dentist Orin. The role is played by Stephen Backus in an excellent performance where he says he is "channeling Jack Nicholson," who had the role in the 1960 movie version of the show.

Two guitars, drums and keyboard provide live music and never miss a beat. The lyrics are clever and laughs come so fast it's easy

to miss some lines while laughing. It's a very polished production, down to the bouffant wigs of the young women in the chorus.

The puppet Audrey II, cleverly crafted, is the star of the show. Puppeteers Fred Wells and Charisma Wooten bring it to life convincingly.

One jarring note of the show to our 2009 sensitivities is Orin's physically and emotionally abusive treatment of Audrey. The behavior furthers the plot but was the one non-funny aspect of the show. Because of these scenes, some of the language and a scene showing the feeding of a human arm to the plant, the musical may not be appropriate for young children.

"Little Shop of Horrors" will play on the Friday and Saturday evenings of November 13 and 14, 20 and 21 and 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. Two Sunday matinees are scheduled for November 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 123 Centerway, located beneath the Cop supermarket.



Seymour (Zachary Brewster-Geisz) wonders what his mysterious plant has become in "Little Shop of Horrors" playing at GAC.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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Another regular event is Friday-Saturday jazz and blues with New Deal Café piano man John Guernsey from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14. Friday evening from 8 to 8:30 features renowned belly dance performer and teacher Samira. Capitol Hill's Rio Garage returns with joyful Bossa Nova from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, November 14 opens with TV John's musical/comedy showcasing two special duos, the Café's own "The Nice Trys" with Joe and Andy and "The Galt Line" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then Bruce Kritt works Saturday "wunders" from 4 to 6 p.m. on classical guitar. All this is a warm-up for the evening's CD release party for The Answer is Seven's folk rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, November 15 the Mike Grasso Jazz Trio will play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afterward kids have their own open microphone afternoon until 3 p.m.

### Next Week

On Tuesday, November 17 Two-Piece Suit, an acoustic/jazz band from Fredonia, N.Y., will play from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Next weekend showcases Cash, belly dancers and a Renaissance brunch. Cold Hard Cash's four-some features classic Johnny Cash hits on Friday, November 20 from

8 to 11 p.m. The Café's biggest lineup of belly dancers, the Starlight Shimmy Belly Dance Showcase, sparkles on Saturday, November 21 from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday morning, November 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature Renaissance lute player Jim Stimson, whose lute brunch is repeated on the first and fourth Sundays of each month.

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


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**Brick Townhome** - Near Roosevelt Center. 3BR with oak hardwood flooring. Remodeled kitchen with hardwood cabinets. Large attic! \$199,900

**2 Bedroom GHI Townhome** - New stove & dishw., built-in microwave & modern cabinets. Updated bath, large shed in backyard and more. \$155,000

**Spacious Block Townhome** - Screened porch, two large bedrooms, and more. Close to Roosevelt Center, library, pools and more. \$184,900

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**Three Bedroom Townhome** - Lovely townhome w/sliding patio doors that opens onto deck, shaded yard and garden area. Remodeled kit. \$159,900

**Lower Level 1 Bedroom GHI Home** - Granite countertops and modern open kitchen. **SOLD**

**Block Townhome - Near Center** - 2 br. townhome with large 11' x 17' Master bedroom. Fresh paint, modern kitchen and more. \$154,900

**Corner lot with extra 1/2 bath** - Completely remodeled Home with **UNDER CONTRACT** finished flooring on both levels. Large lot, patio and more. \$129,900

**Townhome With Addition** - First-level addition with extra half-bath - room opens onto private deck. Two bedrooms and remodeled bath upstairs.

**Value Priced!** - Remodeled two bedroom townhome owned by GHI. Fresh paint, new carpet and more. Located near protected woodlands. \$119,900

**Townhome With Garage** - 2 Bedroom GHI townhome within walking distance to Roosevelt Center. Backs to open space. Tastefully decorated. \$189,900

**Corner Lot** - 3 br. GHI townhome w/ large deck, patio and pool. **SOLD**

**Completely Remodeled** - 3 Br townhome with ceramic tile in kitchen and dining area. Amazing bathroom. Fresh paint, modern kitchen. Wow! \$169,900

**Large Floorplan - Large Corner Lot** 3 br GHI - Engineered hardwood flrs, ceramic tile in bath, modern appliances, new blinds & more. \$189,900

**Two Story Addition** - Townhome on large corner lot that backs to wooded space. **SOLD**

**Brick Townhome** - Large 11' x 17' master bedroom, 2nd bedroom oak hardwood flooring & bath on top level. Garden space & patio, too! \$194,900

**Amazing Townhome** - Completely remodeled townhome with state-of-the-art kitchen, finished floors, shed and more. **UNDER CONTRACT**

**Your Greenbelt Specialists**



# Magnolia's Joan Nachman Helps Students to Grow

by Shannon Hoffman

Joan Nachman is a big-picture kind of person.

As the only guidance counselor serving 420 students at Magnolia Elementary School in Lanham, Nachman organizes events and programs that engage students across kindergarten to sixth grade. Nachman believes it takes more than a positive classroom experience to build a successful education.

"You have to come to school with a clear mind to be able to learn," she said. "Problems and fears make it tough to focus."

Because of the way she has handled school-wide events and personal counseling duties over the past seven years at Magnolia, Principal Phyllis Gillens calls Nachman a miracle worker.

"She can bring out the best in any child," Gillens said.

## Background

Nachman started out at Stony Brook University in New York for her bachelor's degree in sociology and she finished at Fordham University. She came from a political household and, becoming a political supporter of Israel, she decided to spend some time there.

Nachman lived in Israel on and off for seven years. While there she met her husband, started a business, had a baby and ran a senior center. On a stint home she earned a culinary degree. When she came back to the U.S. for good, she earned her master's degree in guidance and counseling at Loyola University.

When Nachman started thinking of joining the education force, she wanted to be a teacher but her big-picture approach drew her to counseling.

"I like the idea of being able to work with children independently and in groups, dealing with the social side and the emotional side of things," she said.

This is the case for one of the projects Nachman initiated this year. The mother of a Magnolia second-grader is serving overseas and on the first day of school her daughter's class sent cards to her and her fellow soldiers. Members of the platoon wrote back and now the class plans to send more greetings.

The soldier has a son in sixth grade as well and Nachman said his class will prepare a care package and a letter to send to the platoon.

Gillens said that, although Nachman's multicultural background is valuable, she believes her gift as a counselor is instinc-



Joan Nachman

tive. "I've worked with many guidance counselors . . . she has the ability to pull it all together," Gillens said.

Not only has Nachman made her mark among the students, but the school building has also become adorned with Nachman's touch. Through her office window can be seen

a paper tree on the hallway wall, colorful paper leaves hanging from its limbs. Written on those leaves are examples provided by parents of how their students have practiced responsibility at home.

## Wall of Fame

Down that hall and around the corner is the Very Respectable Person Wall of Fame, and turn another corner to find a rainbow of paper stars, with names of students who have pledged to be drug free. All are projects Nachman has handled.

In September she and the physical education teacher, Julie Prollino, organized a walk for education. Nachman also works with speech teacher Joe Speight to supervise Magnolia's news show, which airs on school television sets Wednesday and Friday mornings.

The broadcast is largely operated by the sixth-grade class, which prepares scripts, conducts interviews and serves as the anchors reporting world news, school news, book reviews and more.

Nachman is the advisor for student council, which holds the canned food and toy drives, Pennies for Patients fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and gets involved with the community.

Being a counselor is not a perfect gig, though. Nachman would like to see improvements in how countywide counseling programs are implemented at schools. Still, Nachman said the good of the job outweighs the bad.

That's especially so when she has the opportunity to develop relationships with the students, which Nachman said is the best part of her job. This year's sixth graders make up the first class that Nachman has seen all the way through Magnolia.

"You watch the children grow," she said, and quoted one of her sixth graders who Nachman was recently counseling about differing perspectives.

"I understand what you're saying, Mrs. Nachman," the student said. "I've been hearing it for a lot of years."

## Botanic Garden Offers Tour

The U.S. Botanic Garden offers a tour of the National Garden with volunteer Susan Olling on Saturday, November 14 from 1 to 2 p.m. Stroll through the National Garden to see native plants of the Mid-Atlantic region. Hear the folktales and stories that surround these plants. This tour is held outside in the garden. Tour is canceled if it rains.

This event is free; pre-registration is not required.

## Mental Health Support Group Meets Monday

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's (NAMI) New Carrollton area support group will meet at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton on Monday, November 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. This supportive work group prepares the mailing and provides other volunteer tasks while sharing their mental health experiences, challenges and solutions.

For more information call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.



We were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Mary Teresa ("Terri") Brady, age 63, on October 31, 2009, and send condolences to her sons Shawn and Brian, daughter Shannon and brother Jimmy Colliflower. A funeral Mass was held November 5 at St. Hugh's.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of former longtime Greenbelt resident Ray Stevens in Venice, Fla.

Our condolences to the family of Ernest Varda, longtime Greenbelt resident. His son Greg is a Recreation Supervisor in the city's Recreation Department.

## Congratulations to:

– Woodland Hills on its fiftieth anniversary.

– all the election winners and the newly-formed Greenbelt City Council.



Della and Harold Domchick

A very happy 92nd birthday Sunday to former Greenbelter Della Domchick. Della and her husband Harold moved to Greenbelt in the late 40s and raised their family on Ridge Road. They attended Greenbelt Community Church. They moved to Charles County in 2002 and now both reside at Fenwick Landing Assisted Living in Waldorf.

Happy birthday wishes to longtime Greenbelter Jean D'Esposito, who was 97 years young on November 11.



County Councilmember Ingrid Turner presents a proclamation to Germaine Timmermans recognizing Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

We were so pleased to see that Germaine Timmermans received a county council proclamation recognizing November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Timmermans, who is a member of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, received special recognition and understanding for the group's work from county Councilmember Ingrid Turner who learned of her own father's pancreatic cancer when she was stationed in Japan. Timmermans is a former News Review staffer.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

# Woodland Hills Hails Fifty

Past and present residents of the Woodland Hills community (Woodland Way and Northway) gathered at the Greenbelt Community Church social hall on Sunday, November 8 to celebrate the community's 50th year. Originally an outgrowth of the Greenbelt Veteran's Housing Corporation, predecessor of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the Woodland Hills Association – then a cooperative – subdivided land and built most of the homes along the two streets using one architect and a common floor plan, although with individual modifications to suit the new owners. The cooperative even jointly purchased house furnishings such as blinds and oil for the furnaces.

Original resident and community matriarch Leonie Penney was there to welcome the residents and guests. Joining her were other original and longtime residents and their children such as the Gellers, Joneses, Cassels, Maddens, Lencheks, Bates and Maffays. Councilmember Rodney Roberts presented a mayoral proclamation in honor of the occasion and reminisced how as a kid he had enjoyed cutting through that neighborhood and its woodland park on his way to the Center. Besides a plentiful buffet, the neighbors enjoyed talking with each other, reminiscing, looking at old photos, posing for new pictures and helping to prepare a timeline of ownership for each of the houses in the subdivision.

– James Giese

The Woodland Hills Anniversary/Reunion, held at the Community Church on November 8 was a rousing success. Just over 100 current and former Woodland Hills residents attended to celebrate 53 years of community. Rodney Roberts, representing the city council, presented a proclamation to the community. It was accepted by Leonie Penney. She and her late husband Walter were the first people to take up residence in the development in 1957. Families represented at the reunion included: Baker, Bates, Bordas, Burchick, Cassels, Choper, Clinedinst, Cummings, Davis, Domanico and Rudan, Donn, Fominaya, Fritz, Gaffney, Gardner, Giese, Gournay, Gregory, Greig, Heagy and Boyd, Hieber, Hindsley, Irvine, Jones, Kash, Kastner, Kayser, Kramer (now Young), Lemus, Ludwig, Mad-den, Maffay, Marcus, Moore, Murray, O'Reilly, Owens, Pristop, Timer, Tooley and Rutledge, White, Witte and Beckley.

– Peggy Bates



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Leonie Penney receives a proclamation from the city delivered by Councilmember Rodney Roberts during the Woodland Hills 50 year reunion.

## Turner to Hold Town Hall on Safety Thurs.

On Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. County Councilmember Ingrid Turner will hold a Public Safety Town Hall Meeting at the Glenn Dale Community Center.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform Turner's District 4 constituents about public and fire safety in Prince George's County. Police Chief Roberto Hylton will discuss speed camera legislation enacted by the county council. Fire Chief Eugene Jones will brief residents on current staffing and response times. Greenbelt residents, elected officials and city staff are invited to attend.

The Glenn Dale Community Center is at 11901 Glenn Dale Blvd.

## Open House and Talk At Montpelier Center

On Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. Chrystelle Bond, professor of dance at Goucher College, will present a free lecture-demonstration on the popular dances at social balls in Baltimore and Philadelphia from 1812 to 1830. These were the years when Nicholas Snowden of Montpelier was starting the Laurel Mill, which changed the area from a farming community to a small industrial town.

This free lecture will take place in the Montpelier Art Center on the Montpelier grounds located at 9652 Muirkirk Road (Muirkirk Road at Route 197) in Laurel.

For details call 301-377-7817, TTY: 301 699-2544 or visit [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).